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TOFAS 168. 1. GOP CUSTOMS REGULATIONS REQUIRE PRIOR CLEARANCE OF ALL SAMPLES BROUGHT IN BY BUSINESSMEN BUT SOMETIMES CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AT THE AIRPORT WILL LET SMALL QUANTITIES OF SOME PRODUCTS WHICH ARE CLEARLY MARKED AS SAMPLES ENTER UPON VISUAL INSPECTION.

2. REGARDING MAILING OF SAMPLES BY COMMERCIAL MAIL, WE WILL NEED A SPECIFIC PRODUCT LIST INCLUDING QUANTITY AND VALUE OF SAMPLES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A DUTY FREE PERMIT FROM THE CENTRAL BANK. OTHERWISE, SHIPMENT CANNOT BE RELEASED FROM CUSTOMS UNTIL THE DUTY IS PAID. THIS PROCEDURE REQUIRES THAT WE GO TO CB TO GET PERMIT AND TO CUSTOMS TO CLAIM PACKAGE.

3. ALES HAD NOT IDENTIFIED ANY PRODUCT IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO ENABLE US TO ADVISE HIM OF THE IMPORT REGULATIONS.

4. TODAY WE RECEIVED A ZEROX COPY OF A FORM LETTER FROM ALES-PERATIS FOODS INTERNATIONAL, INC., 350 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET, SUITE 470, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90071, TEL. 624-4627. LETTER WAS SIGNED BY ERNEST J. ALES. ALES' LETTER ADVISES THAT HE IS EXPORTER OF FOOD PRODUCTS, WILL ARRIVE JAPAN ON NOV. 2 AND SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF ORIENT TRIP INCOMPLETE. LETTER ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT ADDRESS FOR SENDING PRODUCT SAMPLES.

5. IN INTEREST OF TIME, SUGGEST YOU TRY TO CONTACT ALES BY
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PHONE AND ADVISE HIM OF DIFFICULTY IN GETTING SAMPLES TO

MANILA. IF ALES WANTS ASSISTANCE IN TRADE APPOINTMENTS, WILL
NEED TO KNOW ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES AND TIMES FOR MANILA
VISIT, SPECIFIC FOOD PRODUCT LINES, AND TYPES OF TRADE
CONTACTS DESIRED. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO
APPOINTMENTS AS WE ALREADY HAVE FIVE OFFICIAL GROUPS VISITING
MANILA IN NOVEMBER.

6. WE CANNOT PROVIDE EXHIBIT SPACE.

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